

AN ACT concerning confidential intermediaries.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Adoption Act is amended by changing  
Sections 18.2, 18.3a, and 18.4 as follows:

(750 ILCS 50/18.2) (from Ch. 40, par. 1522.2)

Sec. 18.2. Forms.

(a) The form of the Birth Parent Registration  
Identification Form shall be substantially as follows:

BIRTH PARENT REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION

(Insert all known information)

I, ....., state that I am the ..... (mother or father) of  
the following child:

Child's original name: ..... (first) ..... (middle) .....  
(last), ..... (hour of birth), ..... (date of  
birth), ..... (city and state of birth), ..... (name  
of hospital).

Father's full name: ..... (first) ..... (middle) .....  
(last), ..... (date of birth), ..... (city and state  
of birth).

Name of mother inserted on birth certificate: .....  
(first) ..... (middle) ..... (last), ..... (race),  
..... (date of birth), ..... (city and state of  
birth).

That I surrendered my child to: ..... (name of  
agency), ..... (city and state of agency), .....  
(approximate date child surrendered).

That I placed my child by private adoption: ..... (date),  
..... (city and state).

Name of adoptive parents, if known: .....

Other identifying information: .....

.....  
(Signature of parent)

.....  
(date) (printed name of parent)

(b) The form of the Adopted Person Registration Identification shall be substantially as follows:

ADOPTED PERSON

REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION

(Insert all known information)

I, ....., state the following:

Adopted Person's present name: ..... (first) .....  
(middle) ..... (last).

Adopted Person's name at birth (if known): ..... (first)  
..... (middle) ..... (last), ..... (birth date),  
..... (city and state of birth), ..... (sex), .....  
(race).

Name of adoptive father: ..... (first) ..... (middle)  
..... (last), ..... (race).

Maiden name of adoptive mother: ..... (first) .....  
(middle) ..... (last), ..... (race).

Name of birth mother (if known): ..... (first) .....  
(middle) ..... (last), ..... (race).

Name of birth father (if known): ..... (first) .....  
(middle) ..... (last), ..... (race).

Name(s) at birth of sibling(s) having a common birth  
parent with adoptee (if known): ..... (first) .....  
(middle) ..... (last), ..... (race), and name of  
common birth parent: ..... (first) ..... (middle)  
..... (last), ..... (race).

I was adopted through: ..... (name of agency).

I was adopted privately: ..... (state "yes" if known).

I was adopted in ..... (city and state), ..... (approximate  
date).

Other identifying information: .....

.....  
 (signature of adoptee)  
 .....  
 (date) (printed name of adoptee)

(c) The form of the Surrendered Person Registration Identification shall be substantially as follows:

SURRENDERED PERSON REGISTRATION  
IDENTIFICATION

(Insert all known information)

I, ....., state the following:

Surrendered Person's present name: ..... (first) .....  
 (middle) ..... (last).

Surrendered Person's name at birth (if known): .....  
 (first) ..... (middle) ..... (last), .....(birth  
 date), ..... (city and state of birth), .....  
 (sex), ..... (race).

Name of guardian father: ..... (first) ..... (middle)  
 ..... (last), ..... (race).

Maiden name of guardian mother: ..... (first) .....  
 (middle) ..... (last), ..... (race).

Name of birth mother (if known): ..... (first) .....  
 (middle) ..... (last) ..... (race).

Name of birth father (if known): ..... (first) .....  
 (middle) ..... (last), .....(race).

Name(s) at birth of sibling(s) having a common birth  
 parent with surrendered person (if known): .....  
 (first) ..... (middle) ..... (last), ..... (race),  
 and name of common birth parent: ..... (first) .....  
 (middle) ..... (last), ..... (race).

I was surrendered for adoption to: ..... (name of agency).

I was surrendered for adoption in ..... (city and state),  
 ..... (approximate date).

Other identifying information: .....

.....

(signature of surrendered person)

.....

.....

(date)

(printed name of person  
surrendered for adoption)

(d) The form of the Information Exchange Authorization shall be substantially as follows:

INFORMATION EXCHANGE AUTHORIZATION

I, ....., state that I am the person who completed the Registration Identification; that I am of the age of ..... years; that I hereby authorize the Department of Public Health to give to my (birth parent) (birth sibling) (surrendered child) the following (please check the information authorized for exchange):

[ ] 1. Only my name and last known address.

[ ] 2. A copy of my Illinois Adoption Registry Application.

[ ] 3. A copy of the original certificate of live birth.

I am fully aware that I can only be supplied with any information about my (birth parent) (birth sibling) (surrendered child) if such person has duly executed an Information Exchange Authorization for such information which has not been revoked; that I can be contacted by writing to: ..... (own name or name of person to contact) (address) (phone number).

Dated (insert date).

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{witness}

(signature)

(e) The form of the Denial of Information Exchange shall be substantially as follows:

DENIAL OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE

I, ....., state that I am the person who completed the Registration Identification; that I am of the age of .....

years; that I hereby instruct the Department of Public Health not to give any identifying information about me to my (birth parent) (birth sibling) (surrendered child); that I do not wish to be contacted.

Dated (insert date).

.....

.....

{witness}

(signature)

(f) The Information Exchange Authorization and the Denial of Information Exchange shall be acknowledged by the birth parent, birth sibling, adopted or surrendered person, adoptive parent, or legal guardian before a notary public, in form substantially as follows:

State of .....

County of .....

I, a Notary Public, in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that ..... personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificate of acknowledgement, appeared before me in person and acknowledged that (he or she) signed such certificate as (his or her) free and voluntary act and that the statements in such certificate are true.

Given under my hand and notarial seal on (insert date).

.....

(signature)

(g) When the execution of an Information Exchange Authorization or a Denial of Information Exchange is acknowledged before a representative of an agency, such representative shall have his signature on said Certificate acknowledged before a notary public, in form substantially as follows:

State of.....

County of.....

I, a Notary Public, in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that ..... personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing certificate of acknowledgement, appeared before me in person and acknowledged that (he or she) signed such certificate as (his or her) free and voluntary act and that the statements in such certificate are true.

Given under my hand and notarial seal on (insert date).

.....

(signature)

(h) When an Illinois Adoption Registry Application, Information Exchange Authorization or a Denial of Information Exchange is executed in a foreign country, the execution of such document shall be acknowledged or affirmed before an officer of the United States consular services.

(i) If the person signing an Information Exchange Authorization or a Denial of Information is in the military service of the United States, the execution of such document may be acknowledged before a commissioned officer and the signature of such officer on such certificate shall be verified or acknowledged before a notary public or by such other procedure as is then in effect for such division or branch of the armed forces.

(j) The Department shall modify these forms as necessary to implement the provisions of this amendatory Act of 1999 including creating Registration Identification Forms for non-surrendered birth siblings, adoptive parents and legal guardians.

(Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 91-417, eff. 1-1-00.)

(750 ILCS 50/18.3a) (from Ch. 40, par. 1522.3a)

Sec. 18.3a. Confidential intermediary. (a) General purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any adopted person 21 years of age or over, any adoptive

parent or legal guardian of an adopted person under the age of 21, or any birth parent of an adopted person who is 21 years of age or over may petition the court in any county in the State of Illinois for appointment of a confidential intermediary as provided in this Section for the purpose of exchanging medical information with one or more mutually consenting biological relatives, obtaining identifying information about one or more mutually consenting biological relatives, or arranging contact with one or more mutually consenting biological relatives. Additionally, in cases where an adopted or surrendered person is deceased, an adult child of the adopted or surrendered person may file a petition under this Section and in cases where the birth parent is deceased, an adult birth sibling of the adopted person or of the deceased birth parent may file a petition under this Section for the purpose of exchanging medical information with one or more mutually consenting biological relatives, obtaining identifying information about one or more mutually consenting biological relatives, or arranging contact with one or more mutually consenting biological relatives.

(b) Petition. Upon petition by an adopted person 21 years of age or over, an adoptive parent or legal guardian of an adopted person under the age of 21, or a birth parent of an adopted person who is 21 years of age or over, the court shall appoint a confidential intermediary. Upon petition by an adult child of an adopted person who is deceased or by an adult birth sibling of an adopted person whose birth parent is deceased or by an adult sibling of a birth parent who is deceased, the court may appoint a confidential intermediary if the court finds that the disclosure is of greater benefit than nondisclosure. The petition shall state which biological relative or relatives are being sought and shall indicate if the petitioner wants to do any one or more of the following: exchange medical information with the biological relative or

relatives, obtain identifying information from the biological relative or relatives, or to arrange contact with the biological relative.

(c) Order. The order appointing the confidential intermediary shall allow that intermediary to conduct a search for the sought-after relative by accessing those records described in subsection (g) of this Section.

(d) Fees and expenses. The court shall condition the appointment of the confidential intermediary on the petitioner's payment of the intermediary's fees and expenses in advance of the commencement of the work of the confidential intermediary.

(e) Eligibility of intermediary. The court may appoint as confidential intermediary either an employee of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services designated by the Department to serve as such, any other person certified by the Department as qualified to serve as a confidential intermediary, or any employee of a licensed child welfare agency certified by the agency as qualified to serve as a confidential intermediary. Certification shall be dependent upon the confidential intermediary completing a course of training including, but not limited to, applicable federal and State privacy laws.

(f) Confidential Intermediary Council. There shall be established under the Department of Children and Family Services a Confidential Intermediary Advisory Council. One member shall be an attorney representing the Attorney General's Office appointed by the Attorney General. One member shall be a currently certified confidential intermediary appointed by the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services. The Director shall also appoint 5 additional members. When making those appointments, the Director shall consider advocates for adopted persons, adoptive parents, birth parents, lawyers who

represent clients in private adoptions, lawyers specializing in privacy law, and representatives of agencies involved in adoptions. The Director shall appoint one of the 7 members as the chairperson. An attorney from the Department of Children and Family Services and the person directly responsible for administering the confidential intermediary program shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting advisors to the Council. Council members shall serve at the discretion of the Director and shall receive no compensation other than reasonable expenses approved by the Director. The Council shall meet no less than twice yearly, and shall make recommendations to the Director regarding the development of rules, procedures, and forms that will ensure efficient and effective operation of the confidential intermediary process, including:

(1) Standards for certification for confidential intermediaries.

(2) Oversight of methods used to verify that intermediaries are complying with the appropriate laws.

(3) Training for confidential intermediaries, including training with respect to federal and State privacy laws.

(4) The relationship between confidential intermediaries and the court system, including the development of sample orders defining the scope of the intermediaries' access to information.

(5) Any recent violations of policy or procedures by confidential intermediaries and remedial steps, including decertification, to prevent future violations.

(g) Access. Subject to the limitations of subsection (i) of this Section, the confidential intermediary shall have access to vital records maintained by the Department of Public Health and its local designees for the maintenance of vital records and all records of the court or any adoption

agency, public or private, which relate to the adoption or the identity and location of an adopted person, of an adult child of a deceased adopted person, or of a birth parent, birth sibling, or the sibling of a deceased birth parent. The confidential intermediary shall not have access to any personal health information protected by the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 unless the confidential intermediary has obtained written consent from the person whose information is being sought or, if that person is a minor child, that person's parent or guardian. Confidential intermediaries shall be authorized to inspect confidential relinquishment and adoption records. The confidential intermediary shall not be authorized to access medical records, financial records, credit records, banking records, home studies, attorney file records, or other personal records. In cases where a birth parent is being sought, an adoption agency shall inform the confidential intermediary of any statement filed pursuant to Section 18.3 indicating a desire of the surrendering birth parent to have identifying information shared or to not have identifying information shared. If there was a clear statement of intent by the sought-after birth parent not to have identifying information shared, the confidential intermediary shall discontinue the search and inform the petitioning party of the sought-after relative's intent. Additional information provided to the confidential intermediary by an adoption agency shall be restricted to the full name, date of birth, place of birth, last known address, and last known telephone number of the sought-after relative or, if applicable, of the children or siblings of the sought-after relative.

(h) Adoption agency disclosure of medical

information. If the petitioner is an adult adopted person or the adoptive parent of a minor and if the petitioner has signed a written authorization to disclose personal medical information, an adoption agency disclosing information to a confidential intermediary shall disclose available medical information about the adopted person from birth through adoption.

(i) Duties of confidential intermediary in conducting a search. In conducting a search under this Section, the confidential intermediary shall first confirm that there is no Denial of Information Exchange on file with the Illinois Adoption Registry. If the petitioner is an adult child of an adopted person who is deceased, the confidential intermediary shall additionally confirm that the adopted person did not file a Denial of Information Exchange with the Illinois Adoption Registry during his or her life. If the petitioner is an adult birth sibling of an adopted person or an adult sibling of a birth parent who is deceased, the confidential intermediary shall additionally confirm that the birth parent did not file a Denial of Information Exchange with the Registry during his or her life. If the confidential intermediary learns that a sought-after birth parent signed a statement indicating his or her intent not to have identifying information shared, and did not later file an Information Exchange Authorization with the Adoption Registry, the confidential intermediary shall discontinue the search and inform the petitioning party of the birth parent's intent.

In conducting a search under this Section, the confidential intermediary shall attempt to locate the relative or relatives from whom the petitioner has requested information. If the sought-after relative is deceased or cannot be located after a diligent search, the confidential intermediary may contact adult biological relatives of the

sought-after relative.

The confidential intermediary shall contact a sought-after relative on behalf of the petitioner in a manner that respects the sought-after relative's privacy and shall inform the sought-after relative of the petitioner's request for medical information, identifying information or contact as stated in the petition. Based upon the terms of the petitioner's request, the confidential intermediary shall contact a sought-after relative on behalf of the petitioner and inform the sought-after relative of the following options:

(1) The sought-after relative may totally reject one or all of the requests for medical information, identifying information or contact. The sought-after relative shall be informed that they can provide a medical questionnaire to be forwarded to the petitioner without releasing any identifying information. The confidential intermediary shall inform the petitioner of the sought-after relative's decision to reject the sharing of information or contact.

(2) The sought-after relative may consent to completing a medical questionnaire only. In this case, the confidential intermediary shall provide the questionnaire and ask the sought-after relative to complete it. The confidential intermediary shall forward the completed questionnaire to the petitioner and inform the petitioner of the sought-after relative's desire to not provide any additional information.

(3) The sought-after relative may communicate with the petitioner without having his or her identity disclosed. In this case, the confidential intermediary shall arrange the desired communication in a manner that protects the identity of the sought-after relative. The confidential intermediary shall inform the petitioner of the sought-after relative's decision to communicate but not disclose his or her identity.

(4) The sought after relative may consent to initiate

contact with the petitioner. If both the petitioner and the sought-after relative or relatives are eligible to register with the Illinois Adoption Registry, the confidential intermediary shall provide the necessary application forms and request that the sought-after relative register with the Illinois Adoption Registry. If either the petitioner or the sought-after relative or relatives are ineligible to register with the Illinois Adoption Registry, the confidential intermediary shall obtain written consents from both parties that they wish to disclose their identities to each other and to have contact with each other.

(j) Oath. The confidential intermediary shall sign an oath of confidentiality substantially as follows: "I, ....., being duly sworn, on oath depose and say: As a condition of appointment as a confidential intermediary, I affirm that:

(1) I will not disclose to the petitioner, directly or indirectly, any confidential information except in a manner consistent with the law.

(2) I recognize that violation of this oath subjects me to civil liability and to a potential finding of contempt of court. ....

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public, on (insert date)

....."

(k) Sanctions.

(1) Any confidential intermediary who improperly discloses confidential information identifying a sought-after relative shall be liable to the sought-after relative for damages and may also be found in contempt of court.

(2) Any person who learns a sought-after relative's identity, directly or indirectly, through the use of procedures provided in this Section and who improperly

discloses information identifying the sought-after relative shall be liable to the sought-after relative for actual damages plus minimum punitive damages of \$10,000.

(3) The Department shall fine any confidential intermediary who improperly discloses confidential information in violation of item (1) or (2) of this subsection (k) an amount up to \$2,000 per improper disclosure. This fine does not affect civil liability under item (2) of this subsection (k). The Department shall deposit all fines and penalties collected under this Section into the Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical Information Fund.

(l) Death of person being sought. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, if the confidential intermediary discovers that the person being sought has died, he or she shall report this fact to the court, along with a copy of the death certificate.

(m) Any confidential information obtained by the confidential intermediary during the course of his or her search shall be kept strictly confidential and shall be used for the purpose of arranging contact between the petitioner and the sought-after birth relative. At the time the case is closed, all identifying information shall be returned to the court for inclusion in the impounded adoption file.

(n) If the petitioner is an adopted person 21 years of age or over or the adoptive parent or legal guardian of an adopted person under the age of 21, any non-identifying information, as defined in Section 18.4, that is ascertained during the course of the search may be given in writing to the petitioner before the case is closed.

(o) Except as provided in subsection (k) of this Section, no liability shall accrue to the State, any State agency, any judge, any officer or employee of the court, any certified confidential intermediary, or any agency designated

to oversee confidential intermediary services for acts, omissions, or efforts made in good faith within the scope of this Section.

(a) General purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any adopted person over the age of 21 or any adoptive parent or legal guardian of an adopted person under the age of 21 may petition the court for appointment of a confidential intermediary as provided in this Section for the purpose of obtaining from one or both birth parents or a sibling or siblings of the adopted person information concerning the background of a psychological or genetically-based medical problem experienced or which may be expected to be experienced in the future by the adopted person or obtaining assistance in treating such a problem.

(b) Petition. The court shall appoint a confidential intermediary for the purposes described in subsection (f) if the petitioner shows the following:

(1) the adopted person is suffering or may be expected to suffer in the future from a life-threatening or substantially incapacitating physical illness of any nature, or a psychological disturbance which is substantially incapacitating but not life-threatening, or a mental illness which, in the opinion of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, is or could be genetically based to a significant degree;

(2) the treatment of the adopted person, in the opinion of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, would be materially assisted by information obtainable from the birth parents or might benefit from the provision of organs or other bodily tissues, materials, or fluids by the birth parents or other close biological relatives; and

(3) there is neither an Information Exchange Authorization nor a Denial of Information Exchange filed

in-the-Registry-as-provided-in-Section-18.1.

The--affidavit--or--testimony--of--the--treating-physician shall-be-conclusive-on-the-issue-of-the--utility--of--contact with--the--birth--parents--unless--the--court--finds--that--the relationship-between--the--illness--to--be--treated--and--the alleged-need-for-contact-is-totally-without-foundation.

(c)--Fees--and--expenses.--The-court-shall-condition-the appointment-of-the-confidential-intermediary-on--the--payment of--the--intermediary's--fees-and-expenses-in-advance, unless the-intermediary-waives-the-right-to-full-advance-payment--or to-any-reimbursement-at-all.

(d)--Eligibility--of-intermediary.--The-court-may-appoint as--confidential--intermediary--either--an--employee--of--the Illinois--Department--of--Children--and--Family--Services designated--by--the--Department--to--serve-as-such, any-other person-certified-by-the-Department-as-qualified-to-serve-as-a confidential-intermediary, or--any--employee--of--a--licensed child--welfare-agency-certified-by-the-agency-as-qualified-to serve-as-a-confidential-intermediary.

(e)--Access.--Notwithstanding-any-other-provision-of-law, the--confidential--intermediary--shall--have--access--to--all records-of-the-court-or-any-agency, public-or-private,--which relate--to--the--adoption-or-the-identity-and-location-of-any birth-parent.

(f)--Purposes-of-contact.--The-confidential--intermediary has-only-the-following-powers-and-duties:

(1)--To--contact--one--or-both-birth-parents, inform the-parent-or-parents-of-the-basic-medical-problem-of-the adopted-person-and--the--nature--of--the--information--or assistance--sought--from-the-birth-parent, and-inform-the parent-or-parents-of-the-following-options:

(A)--The-birth-parent-may--totally--reject--the request--for-assistance-or-information, or-both, and no-disclosure-of-identity-or-location-shall-be--made

to-the-petitioner.

(B)--The--birth--parent--may--file--an--Information Exchange--Authorization--as--provided--in--Section--18.1. The--confidential--intermediary--shall--explain--to--the birth--parent--the--consequences--of--such--a--filing, including--that--the--birth--parent's--identity--will--be available--for--discovery--by--the--adopted--person.--If the--birth--parent--agrees--to--this--option,--the confidential--intermediary--shall--supply--the--parent with--the--appropriate--forms,--shall--be--responsible--for their--immediate--filing--with--the--Registry,--and--shall inform--the--petitioner--of--their--filing.

(C)--If--the--birth--parent--wishes--to--provide--the information--or--assistance--sought--but--does--not--wish his--or--her--identity--disclosed,--the--confidential intermediary--shall--arrange--for--the--disclosure--of--the information--or--the--provision--of--assistance--in--as confidential--a--manner--as--possible--so--as--to--protect the--privacy--of--the--birth--parent--and--minimize--the likelihood--of--disclosure--of--the--birth--parent's identity.

(2)--If--a--birth--parent--so--desires,--to--arrange--for--a confidential--communication--with--the--treating--physician--to discuss--the--need--for--the--requested--information--or assistance.

(3)--If--a--birth--parent--agrees--to--provide--the information--or--assistance--sought--but--wishes--to--maintain his--or--her--privacy,--to--arrange--for--the--provision--of--the information--or--assistance--to--the--physician--in--as confidential--a--manner--as--possible--so--as--to--protect--the privacy--of--the--birth--parent--and--minimize--the--likelihood of--disclosure--of--the--birth--parent's--identity.

(g)--Oath.--The--confidential--intermediary--shall--sign--an oath--of--confidentiality--substantially--as--follows:

"I, . . . , being duly sworn, on oath depose and say:--As--a--condition--of--appointment--as--a--confidential intermediary, I affirm that:

(1)--I--will--not--disclose--to--the--petitioner, directly or indirectly, any--information--about--the--identity--or location--of--the--birth-parent-whose-assistance-is-being sought-for-medical-reasons-except-in-a-manner--consistent with-the-law.

(2)--I---recognize---that--violation--of--this--oath subjects-me-to-civil-liability--and--to--being--found--in contempt-of-court.

. . . . .

SUBSCRIBED--AND--SWORN--to--before--me, a-Notary-Public, on-(insert-date).

. . . . ."

(h)--Sanctions.

(1)--Any-confidential--intermediary--who--improperly discloses-information-identifying-a-birth-parent-shall-be liable--to--the--birth-parent-for-damages-and-may-also-be found-in-contempt-of-court.

(2)--Any--person--who--learns---a---birth---parent's identity,--directly--or--indirectly,--through--the-use-of procedures-provided-in-this-Section--and--who--improperly discloses--information-identifying-the-birth-parent-shall be-liable-to-the-birth-parent--for--actual--damages--plus minimum-punitive-damages-of-\$10,000.

(i)--Death--of--birth--parent.--Notwithstanding-any-other provision-of--this--Act,--if--the--confidential--intermediary discovers--that--the--person--whose--assistance-is-sought-has died, he-or-she-shall-report-this-fact-to--the--court,--along with-a-copy-of-the-death-certificate.

(Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 91-417, eff. 1-1-00.)

Sec. 18.4. (a) The agency, Department of Children and Family Services, Court Supportive Services, Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court, or the Probation Officers of the Circuit Court involved in the adoption proceedings shall give in writing the following non-identifying information, if known, to the adoptive parents not later than the date of placement with the petitioning adoptive parents: (i) age of biological parents; (ii) their race, religion and ethnic background; (iii) general physical appearance of biological parents; (iv) their education, occupation, hobbies, interests and talents; (v) existence of any other children born to the biological parents; (vi) information about biological grandparents; reason for emigrating into the United States, if applicable, and country of origin; (vii) relationship between biological parents; and (viii) detailed medical and mental health histories of the child, the biological parents, and their immediate relatives; and (ix) the actual date and place of birth of the adopted person. However, no information provided under this subsection shall disclose the name or last known address of the biological parents, grandparents, the siblings of the biological parents, the adopted person, or any other relative of the adopted person.

(b) Any adoptee 18 years of age or over shall be given the information in subsection (a) upon request.

(c) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release any non-identifying information listed in (a) of this Section that appears on the certified copy of the original birth certificate or the Certificate of Adoption to an adopted person, adoptive parent, or legal guardian who is a registrant of the Illinois Adoption Registry.

(d) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release the actual date and place of birth of an adopted person who is 21 years of age or over to the birth parent if the birth parent is a registrant of the Illinois Adoption Registry and has

completed a Medical Information Exchange Authorization.

(e) The Illinois Adoption Registry shall release information regarding the date the adoption was finalized and the county in which the adoption was finalized to a certified confidential intermediary upon submission of a court order.

(f) In cases where the Illinois Adoption Registry possesses information indicating that an adopted person who is 21 years of age or over was adopted in a state other than Illinois or a country other than the United States, the Illinois Adoption Registry shall release the name of the state or country where the adoption was finalized and, if available, the agency involved in the adoption to a registrant of the Illinois Adoption Registry, provided the registrant is not the subject of a Denial of Information Exchange and the registrant has completed a Medical Information Exchange Authorization.

(g) (e) Any of the above available information for any adoption proceedings completed before the effective date of this Act shall be supplied to the adoptive parents or an adoptee 18 years of age or over upon request.

(h) (d) The agency, Department of Children and Family Services, Court Supportive Services, Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court, the Probation Officers of the Circuit Court and any other governmental bodies having any of the above information shall retain the file until the adoptee would have reached the age of 99 years.

(Source: P.A. 87-617.)